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SUBJECT: SCHEEL VISIT TO WARSAW

REF: A) WARSAW 5546 B) BONN 15354

SUMMARY: POLISH CHARGE OCTOBER 26 GAVE DEPARTMENT GENER-
ALLY OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL OF SCHEEL WARSAW VISIT,
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DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF TWO SIDES. HE SAID TALKS WOULD

CONTINUE IN NOVEMBER WITH OLSZOWSKI VISIT TO BONN.
END SUMMARY.

1. POLISH CHARGE WIEJAC BRIEFED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE OCTOBER 26 ON RESULTS OF SCHEEL VISIT. SPEAKING FROM INSTRUCTIONS, CHARGE SAID IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN POLISH INTENT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH FRG IN SPIRIT AND LETTER OF WARSAW TREATY AND TO DO THIS IN PARALLEL WITH IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN FRG AND OTHER SOCIALISTIC COUNTRIES. FRG, HE MAINTAINED, HAS TAKEN A MORE FORMALISTIC AND FOR POLES UNACCEPTABLE APPROACH, A FACT WHICH BECAME APPARENT SHORTLY AFTER RATIFICATION OF WARSAW TREATY AND WHICH WAS AGAIN CONFIRMED BY SCHEEL.

2. HUMANITARIAN ISSUES BETWEEN FRG AND POLAND REQUIRE SPEEDY SOLUTION IN POLISH VIEW. FOR POLES, IMPORTANT POINT IS MORAL OBLIGATION FRG HAS TO COMPENSATE FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY POLAND DURING WORLD WAR II WHILE GERMANS EMPHASIZE FAMILY REUNIFICATION ISSUE. LATTER IS TROUBLESOME FOR POLES BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC LOSS (EDUCATION, TRAINING) WHICH LARGE EMIGRATION FROM POLAND WOULD MEAN. SCHEEL SHOWED SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THIS POINT BUT REJECTED COMPENSATION FOR WAR VICTIMS, CITING WESTERN ALLIED OBJECTIONS TO EXTENSION OF FAVORABLE CREDITS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CHARGE SAID SCHEEL OFFERED (DOLS 300 MILLION (SIC) CREDIT AT FAVORABLE TERMS WHICH HE DID NOT SPECIFY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT LARGE FRG CREDIT TO POLAND WOULD NOT MEAN END OF POLISH INTEREST IN CREDITS ELSEWHERE IN WEST.

3. ON GERMAN EMIGRATION ISSUE, CHARGE SAID TWO SIDES WRER FAR APART WITH GERMANS CLAIMING 280,000 ETHNIC GERMANS IN POLAND ENTITLED TO GERMAN CITIZENSHIP WHEREAS POLES ESTIMATE 60-70,000 QUALIFY AND SOME OF THESE HAVE ALREADY EMIGRATED.

4. CHARGE STATED THAT SCHEEL HAS INVITED OLSZOWSKI TO BONN IN LAST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER TO CONTINUE TALKS. POLES HAVE HELD OUT POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A "HIGHER CONFIDENTIAL

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LEVEL DIALOGUE" PROVIDED THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED FIRST. HE IMPLIED THAT FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE HELD AT WORKING LEVEL TO PREPARE FOR OLSZOWSKI BONN VISIT.

5. DESPITE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES, POLES CONSIDERED TALKS SUCCESSFUL BOTH FOR BILATERAL-FRG-POLISH RELATIONS AS WELL AS FOR THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE BETWEEN

EAST AND WEST.

6. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, CHARGE SAID QUESTION OF FRG
CONSULAR REPRESENTATION FOR WEST BERLIN WAS DISCUSSED BUT
WAS NOT DIRECT ISSUE. HE OPINED THAT BONN NOW APPEARED
MORE FLEXIBLE ON THIS PROBLEM.

7. ARMITAGE ASKED WHETHER LINKAGE OF HUMANE PROBLEM TO
COMPENSATION HAD BEEN PART OF FRT-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS.
CHARGE DID NOT THINK SO BUT SAID IT WAS NECESSARY FOR
POLES. ARMITAGE THANKED CHARGE FOR ACCOUNT OF
FRG-POLISH NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCURRED THAT PROGRESS
OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF IMPROVED EAST-
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